

2. Please amend the specification by adding the following abstract as page 154:

-- ABSTRACT:

Variable attack and release system and method are disclosed for dynamically modifying the various elements of the system, including modifying compander response time to dynamically adjust for changing parameters such as environmental or input signal changes, to maintain output signals within predetermined limits. The system and method include permitting accurate and quick response to noise sources having a duration which exceeds a predetermined threshold while at the same time ignoring transient or short duration environmental noise. --

REMARKS

Applicant herewith submits the proposed Preliminary Amendment in order to correct a typographical error in the initial application pertaining to the number of the figures, as filed November 29, 2000. Further, Applicant herewith amends the application by adding an abstract which was omitted from the initial filing.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Applicant respectfully requests that this application proceed to examination.